

I claim:

1. A method of reducing mortality and morbidity after myocardial infarction, comprising administering to a patient in need thereof, a compound selected from the group consisting of GLP-1, GLP-1 analogs, GLP-1 derivatives, and  
5 pharmaceutically-acceptable salts thereof, at a dose effective to normalize blood glucose.
2. The method of Claim 1, wherein the compound is administered intravenously.
3. The method of Claim 1, wherein the compound is administered subcutaneously.
4. The method of Claims 2 or 3, wherein the administration is continuous.
5. The method of Claim 4 wherein the rate of  
administration of the compound is between 0.25 and 6 pmol/kg/h.
6. The method of Claim 5 wherein the rate of  
administration of the compound is between 0.6 and 2.4  
10 pmol/kg/h.
7. The method of Claims 2 or 3 wherein the intravenous administration is intermittent.
8. The method of Claim 2 wherein the compound is administered intravenously and also administered by another  
15 parenteral route.
9. The method of Claim 8 wherein the other parenteral route is the subcutaneous route.
10. The method of Claim 1 wherein the compound administered is GLP(7-36) amide, or a pharmaceutically-  
20 acceptable salt thereof.
11. A method of reducing morbidity and mortality after myocardial infarction, comprising, administering a compound that exerts insulintropic activity by interacting with the same receptor, or receptors, with which GLP-1, GLP-  
25 1 analogs, and GLP-1 derivatives interact in exerting their insulintropic activity.

12. A method of reducing morbidity and mortality  
after myocardial infarction, comprising, administering a  
compound that enhances insulin sensitivity by interacting  
with the same receptor, or receptors, with which GLP-1, GLP-  
5 1 analogs, and GLP-1 derivatives interact to enhance insulin  
sensitivity.